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Westminster, January 9.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Sanderson, Gentleman-Usher of the Black-Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech to both Houses.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Cannot open this Session, without congratulating you upon the Success of your Endeavours last Year, for the Safety, Interest and Honour of the Kingdom: The Rise of Publick Credit, the flourishing Condition of our Trade and Manufactures, and the general Tranquility of my People, are the happy Consequences of your prudent Resolutions. It is to be hoped, that the few Examples, which were made of some notorious Offenders, will be sufficient to deter the most Disaffected from engaging in the like desperate and wicked Practices. The Augmentation you thought fit to make to our National Forces, by Sea and Land, has not only secured the general Quiet of the Kingdom, against any sudden Attempts or Insurrections, but has also given me such Weight and Credit in all Foreign Negotiations, as greatly contribute towards the Preservation of the Peace of Europe.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I will order the proper Officers to lay before you the Estimates for the Service of the current Year. I desire such Supplies only, as you shall find absolutely necessary for preserving the Peace of the Kingdom, and for the Security of my People; and those, I hope, may be raised without laying any additional Charge or Burthen on my Subjects.

I must in a particular manner recommend to your Care the Publick Debts of the Kingdom, as the most National Concern you can possibly take into your Consideration. I am persuaded it must be a very great Satisfaction to all my faithful Subjects, to see the sinking Fund improved and augmented, and the Debt of the Nation thereby put into a Method of being so much the sooner gradually reduced and paid off: It would be a Work truly worthy of a British Parliament, to begin this commendable Undertaking, and to make such a Progress therein, as, with a strict Regard to Publick Faith and Private Property, may pave the Way to this great and desirable End.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

In the present happy Situation of our Affairs, I have nothing more to recommend to you, than that you would make Use of the Opportunity, which your own good Conduct has put into your Hands, in considering of such farther Laws, as may be wanting for the Ease and Incouragement of Trade and Navigation, for the Employment of the Poor, and for the Exciting and Incouraging a Spirit of Industry in the Nation.

I am fully satisfied, that the Trade and Wealth of my People are the happy Effects of the Liberties they enjoy, and that the Grandeur of the Crown consists in their Prosperity; and I am as fully perswaded, that all, who wish well to their Country, must agree with me, that it is the vainest of all Delusions to imagine that the Religion, Laws, and Liberties of this Kingdom, can ever be secured, but by Supporting the present Establishment, and Maintaining the Succession in the Protestant Line. Let us therefore heartily join in every thing, that may tend to promote our mutual Happiness, and to extinguish the Hopes of those, who long have been, and still are restless in their Endeavours to subject this Nation to the whole Train of Miseries, that are inseparable from Popery and Arbitrary Power.

St. James's, January 9.

His Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint *Christopher Baker*, Esq; to be Sheriff of the County of *Somerset*.

St. James's, January 7.

This Day his Excellency Hag Abdelcader Peres, Ambassadour from the Emperour of Morocco, was conducted to his first Audience of His Majesty, by Sir Clement Cottrell Master of the Ceremonies. His Majesty's leading Coach with six Horses carried the Ambassadour and the Master of the Ceremonies; three other Coaches that followed were filled with his Domesticks. A little time after he arrived at St. James's he was introduced to his Audience in His Majesty's Closet, by the Right Honourable the Lord Carteret one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; which ended, he was reconducted Home to his own House in the same Manner as he came, by the Master of the Ceremonies. All his Attendants had the Honour to be presented to His Majesty.

Leicester-House, January 9.

This Day the Morocco Ambassadour was conducted by the Master of the Ceremonies to his Audience of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in a Coach and six Horses of His Royal Highness's: The Manner of his Reception was the same as when he had Audience of His Majesty.

Whitehall, January 7, 1723.

Whereas Thomas Miller, of Upton in the County of Berks, a well-sized Man, aged about 30, and William Hicks, Bell-Founder by Trade, a short Man, of the same Age, having been charged upon Oath, before Harry Bridges, Esq; one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace at Keynsham near Bath, with false coining and counterfeiting of the current Money of this Kingdom, were by his Mittimus put into the Custody of a Tithingman with a strong Guard, to be by him carried to the County-Goal, but found Means to make their Escape: His Majesty is graciously pleased to promise, that whoever shall apprehend the said two Offenders, or either of them, shall upon the Conviction of them, or either of them, receive the Reward of 50 l. for each, besides what Rewards they may be legally intitled to.

CARTERET.

The Court of Directors of the Royal Academy of Musick having ordered a further Call of 5 l. per Cent. which is the 11th Call, to be made payable on all the Subscribers to the said Royal Academy, on or before the 25th Instant; These are to give Notice, That the Deputy Treasurer will attend at the Office in the Hay-Market, on the several Days following, viz. 23d, 24th, and 25th Instant, from Nine in the Morning till Two in the Afternoon, in Order to receive the same.

South-Sea-House, London, Jan. 9, 1723.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company give Notice, That a General Court of the said Company will be held at Merchant-Taylor's-Hall in Threadneedle-street, London, on Wednesday the 22d of this Instant January, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, for the Purpose of declaring a Dividend on the Capital Stock of this Company, for the half Year ending at Christmas last, and other Affairs.

African House, Jan. 8, 1723.

A General Court of the Royal African Company of England, is to be held at their House in Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday the 15th Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, to declare the Choice of Governour, Sub-Governour, and Deputy-Governour for the Year ensuing; The Votes to be brought in between Nine and Twelve in the Forenoon the same Day. And another General Court on Thursday the 16th Instant, at Six in the Evening, to declare the Choice of 24 Assistants for the Year ensuing; the Votes to be brought in between Nine in the Forenoon, and Two in the Afternoon the same Day. And Notice is further given, that the Transfer Books will be opened on Thursday the 23d Instant, and the Warrants for this Christmas Dividend, will be delivered out on the 27th of February following. N. B. Those Persons who have

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